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Congressman Frank Lo Biondo
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Re: Appropriations Request Cover Letter

Dear Congressman Lo Biondo:

I submit this letter requesting \$250,000 FY 2010 appropriations support for Total Involvement Inc. – an Advocacy and Consultancy Organization. In our role as advocate and consultant we provide educational, advisory and support services to parents of children with disabilities, to transitioning teens and to young adults with special educational needs throughout the State of New Jersey.

We provide services to transitioning teens – from high school to post-secondary options – to ensure that students understand and consider all transitional options available through Federal and State mandates and then ensuring appropriate vocational and educational skills are acquired prior to the actual transition from the secondary environment. We also provide assistance to young adults who have already transitioned from secondary school without adequate skills for self-sustenance.

Young adults that have transitioned without self-sustenance skills fall into three categories: those with limited academic skills, those without vocational skills and those without adequate assimilating life skills. Total Involvement assists young adults with disabilities having difficulty understanding how to assimilate appropriately into society. Further, we secure appropriate vocational and academic skills for transitioned young adults without adequate skills, who have an expressed desire to become active participants in society.

We have been fortunate to receive our clients from around the State by word-of-mouth referrals, referrals from hospitals, medical professionals and agencies as well as previously satisfied clients.

We are confident that you will assist us with our request for appropriations needed to sustain and extend the good works performed by Total Involvement throughout New Jersey.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Tracée Edmondson", followed by a horizontal line.

Tracée Edmondson
Executive Director